

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 7 (MC2009-25)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-31

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

(Issued June 20, 2012)

The Priority Mail agreement that is the subject of this docket is set to expire (existing Priority Mail agreement).¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 60-day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect until such time as the Postal Service and its contract partner can reach agreement on the terms of a new contract. Motion at 1.

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working cooperatively to reach a new agreement, but “extenuating circumstances” have occurred that have kept the Postal Service and its contract partner from reaching agreement prior to the expiration date of the existing agreement. *Id.* The Postal Service represents that it and

¹ See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, June 13, 2012 (Motion).

the contract partner expect to reach agreement on a new contract in the next few weeks. *Id.* at 2. To maintain continuity, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the existing Priority Mail agreement be extended for 60 days. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The existing Priority Mail agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration date, until August 20, 2012. Allowing the existing Priority Mail agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed June 13, 2012, is granted.
2. The existing Priority Mail agreement is authorized to continue for 60 days from the current expiration date, until August 20, 2012.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary